



Media Advisory

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San Jose Fire Department Reminds Residents to “Practice Your Escape Plan”

San Jose Fire department and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) reminds local residents that October 7 – 13, 2007 is Fire Prevention week and this year’s theme is to “Practice Your Escape Plan”.

Five San Jose fire stations held open houses on Sunday, October 7, 2007 to kick off fire prevention week. On Saturday, October 13 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Guadalupe River Park/Discovery Meadow, San Jose firefighters will be there to talk about how to practice your escape plan as well for residents to view a San Jose fire engine, fire truck and the customized “Shark Engine”.

Among the safety tips that firefighters and safety advocates will be emphasizing:

- Ensure that your residence has a working smoke detector. The US Fire Administration states, “A working smoke detector doubles a person’s chance of surviving a fire”.

- Have and practice an escape plan. Be sure there is more than one exit from every room to avoid being trapped.
- The elderly and young are more susceptible to dying in a residential fire as other family members are. They may need special attention in your escape plan.

On Sunday, October 7, 2007 a working smoke detector alerted a caregiver in San Jose to a fire who then assisted an elderly female to safety. Unfortunately, an 80-year-old man died in that residential fire.

Fire prevention week is actively supported by fire departments across the country. This is the 86th year that fire departments have observed Fire Prevention Week, making it the longest running public health and safety observance on record.

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